

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated February 27, 2007.

Claims 1, 6 and 14 are amended, as a result, claims 1, 6, 11-14 and 17 are now pending in this application. The amendment to claim 14 is supported at page 8, last sentence and by Example 1.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 was objected to for the following informalities: the reference to Claim 1 read “claim1” rather than “claim 1”. Appropriate correction has been made.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 14 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 14 has been amended to recite that the serum is given from day one of life to maturity, e.g., continuously, as in Example 1. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 11-14 and 14 were newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The amendment of claim 1 to recite that the serum is in the water supply of the poultry moots this rejection. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, entry of this amendment is appropriate under Rule 116. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney for Applicants during the telephone interview of March 15, 2007, during which these amendments were discussed. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6903 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.


Respectfully submitted,

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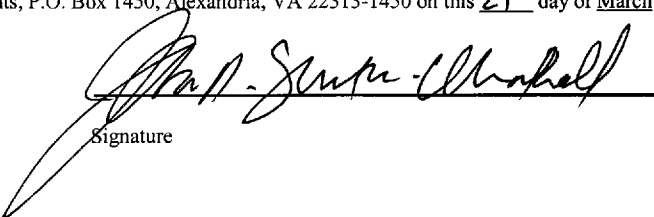
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